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LETTER DATED 16 MAY 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 15 May 1996 addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex, the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 15 May 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that United States and British warplanes are continuing to violate the airspace of the Republic of Iraq and to carry out acts of aggression, provocation and incitement in civilian areas in the Republic of Iraq.

At 1200 hours on 30 April 1996, United States warplanes dropped hostile and inflammatory leaflets over al-Madinah, Sharash and Shalhat al-Hasan, some of which fell into the waters of the Shatt al-Arab in Basra Governorate.

I request you to intervene with the countries in question, as required by your responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to ensure that these hostile acts are halted and not repeated. They threaten the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq, alarm the civilian population and constitute grave violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law.

I also assert the legally established right of the Republic of Iraq to compensation, in accordance with the principle of international liability, for the material and moral damage sustained by the people and the State of Iraq as a result of such acts.

I request circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq